

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Claims 1-12, 19-26, and 28 were allowed in the instant application in a Notice of Allowance dated October 6, 2008. Applicants thank the Examiner for this Notice of Allowance and the Reasons for Allowance.

Claims 29, 30, and 31, all of which depend from allowed claim 1, have been added in this Amendment. The new claims are directed to compounds that are embodiments of claim 1. Support can be found throughout the originally-filed specification and claims, including, for example, on pages 84 and 85. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-12, 19-26, and 28-31 are in condition for allowance and that new claims 29, 30, and 31 do not raise new issues. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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